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live probiotic microbes to aquatic animals in the form of dry or wet beadlets with essential nutrients and attractants bound with sol-  
uble starch and cross-linked alginate. The bioactive agents and live probiotic microbes can be bound with emulsified high-amylose  
starch and embedded in the beadlets in the form of microparticles.